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SUBJ: CENTO-THIRD BAC MEETING 1975

1. CENTO BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (BAC)
MET JUNE 17. THE RECORD (BAC/75/R2) WAS THE ONLY AGENDA
ITEM APPROVED. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE REQUESTED DEFERRAL OF
THE THREE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER INFORMATION
FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM ISLAMABAD.

2. DISCUSSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF
SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY (BAC/75/D5), THE UK DELEGATE NOTED THAT
WHEN THE CONTRACT OF THE PRESENT SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY EXPIRES
IN 1976 IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT A BRITISH SUCCESSOR
BECAUSE THE POSITION WHEN FORMALIZED BY THE BAC WILL BECOME
ONE AT CENTO GRADE 9, WHICH OFFERS LESS THAN THE PRESENT
CONTRACT. IRAN, TURKEY, THE UK AND US APPROVED THIS
DOCUMENT. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE HAD NO OBJECTION
TO CREATING THIS POSITION, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.
HE DID, HOWEVER, HAVE CONSIDERABLE OBJECTION TO THE REQUEST
FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S HOSPITALITY
ALLOWANCE (BAC/75/D7), ASKING HOW AND WHY SUCH A LARGE
OVERTCOST HAD OCCURRED IN HOSTING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION
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BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PROVIDE

A FURTHER EXPLANATION FOLLOWING WHICH THE PAKISTAN AND UK DELEGATES WILL GIVE THEIR APPROVAL BY LETTER IN ORDER TO MAKE THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IRAN, TURKEY, AND THE US APPROVED THE TRANSFER. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE ALSO HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE POST OF SENIOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR (BAC/75/D8).

3. UNDER NEW BUSINESS, THE BAC APPROVED BAC/75/D9, PROVIDING A ONE-TIME INCREASE IN RENTAL ALLOWANCE FOR AN IRANIAN EMPLOYEE OF CENTO, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM POSSIBLE FUTURE INCREASES IN RENTAL ALLOWANCES UNTIL THEY PASSED THE AMOUNT PROVIDED NOW, WHICH IS UP TO 25 PERCENT OF HER ALLOWANCE.

4. NO DATE WAS SET FOR THE NEXT BAC.
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